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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97-§1.98 and 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicants call the attention of the Examiner to the following information:

Japanese Laid-Open Publication No. 11-40330, cited and discussed in the specification beginning at line 21 of page 1.

English translation of the abstract of Japanese Laid-Open Publication No.11-40330.

Japanese Laid-Open Publication No. 4-300249, cited and discussed in the specification beginning at line 21 of page 1.

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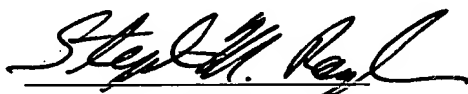
Japanese Laid-Open Publication No. 7-263530.

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Applicants note that an Office Action on the Merits has not been received in the instant application. However, if an Office Action on the Merits has issued, and is crossing this statement in the mail, the undersigned hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge any fee necessary for the consideration of this statement, including any payment under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p), to Applicant's Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Should the Examiner have any questions or comments, the undersigned may be contacted at the below listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted.
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